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best bets

By Jessica Gallart
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Head to the theater for a night with 1985 cult classic "Death Wish 3," about a web of street crime in New York City. Actor Alex Winter drops by the screening, weather permitting. 7:30 p.m. \$10.

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Random Wednesday

Over on our Facebook page, we like to do this little thing called Facebook Random Question of the Day. And it's exactly that: random. Tuesday's question was: **What are you most looking forward to if the blizzard turns Wednesday into a snow day?** Check out some of the responses we received. Want to be a part of our social media revolution and see your thoughts here next time? Like us at facebook.com/theredeye.

Jade Ashley:
Cuddling up w. my loverdove & sipping Ghirardelli cocoa!

Celia Snooks Barrios: Make the biggest snowman in the corner of my house. Make that a family of snowmen.

Kathleen Korrison Slaby: Drunken laundry day!

Michael Andrews: I'm looking forward to this being in print and having to find it online since my Wednesday will

consist of movies, frozen pizza, snow-blower & keeping up with the mess via redeyechicago.com. Shameless plug!

Captainn Thisguy: Hoping Thursday turns into another snow day.

Kirsten Nelson: Burying the weather-men/women in the snow drifts so we don't have to hear about the weather anymore!

Jessica Sanchez: I wanna make an igloo!



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TODAY'S FORECAST

You already know.



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With baby, will park

New York weighing special privileges for expectant mothers

Reuters

Women having difficult pregnancies would get special parking privileges in New York City under a proposal to be introduced this week, according to a councilman sponsoring the bill.

The bill suggests that pregnant women be allowed to park in no-parking zones and stand in no-standing zones, said Councilman David Greenfield, who plans to introduce the bill at a council meeting Wednesday.

"I think as a courtesy, it would go a long way in making lives of women having difficult pregnancies easier by giving them a limited parking permit," Greenfield said.

Under the proposal, pregnant women could obtain the special parking permits from the city by providing a doctor's note. The permit would expire 30 days after their expected due date.

Some states, including Georgia and Oklahoma, have similar laws, Greenfield said.

The New York City chapter of the National Organization for Women said it liked the idea but worried about possible discrimination by employers and others who may be upset over the special privileges.

"If there's any city in the country where

a measure like this is reasonable, it is New York City," said Sonia Ossorio, executive director of NOW's New York City chapter. "But pregnancy discrimination is very real, and we always have to be cautious of anything that may fuel the perception that pregnant women and new mothers are less able."

Greenfield said he did not expect a problem and noted that doctors and clergy get parking exemptions.

"There's no question that discrimination against pregnant women exists, but I'm taking a proactive approach to help them," he said.

When is cheating forgivable?

Reuters

Half of men would forgive their female partner's infidelity, as long as it was with another woman, according to a new study on cheating.

Women, however, were less likely to forgive and forget if their boyfriend had been with another man, the University of Texas at Austin study showed.

Researchers asked 718 college students to imagine being in a long-term relationship and what their reactions would be to several cheating scenarios.

They found that overall, 50 percent of men likely would continue a relationship with a woman who had a dalliance with another woman, while 22 percent said they could forgive betrayal with another man.

For women, the results were reversed. If their boyfriend cheated with another woman, 28 percent said they'd keep him around, but only 21 percent said they would if he cheated with another man.

Published this month in the journal *Personality and Individual Differences*, the study concluded the participant's reactions were based on basic jealousy instincts.

"A robust jealousy mechanism is activated in men and women by different types of cues—those that threaten paternity in men and those that threaten abandonment in women," said Jaime Confer, the study's lead author and a Ph.D. candidate in evolutionary psychology.

Men, they said, felt more threatened by a rival male because of paternity uncertainty, whereas they saw a female partner's homosexual affair as "an opportunity to mate with more than one woman simultaneously, satisfying men's greater desire for more partners."

Gap exec leaving after logo fiasco

Gap said the executive who oversaw its failed attempt to update its logo last fall and disappointing sales at its namesake North American stores in December is leaving the company. Gap did not disclose the reason for the departure of the executive, Marka Hansen, who has headed Gap North America since 2007. But Hansen's attempt to update Gap's iconic logo came under intense fire in October from customers who preferred the original blue box design. **REUTERS**

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I'm ready for a miserable job

I recently received my third job rejection in three days. As much as you think you can get used to failure, it feels like the first time every time—not like your virginity. Once you lose that, you definitely know it's vapor.

I quit acting because I could no longer take the rejection. And my boobs weren't big enough.

Maybe that's why I went to journalism school, a good one too. One that charges 60 grand so you can tell people you're a very big deal and have nothing whatsoever to back it up with.

I am not a very big deal, most recently evidenced by these three job rejections that have landed in my e-mail box.

It's hard not to resort to reality TV, and even harder not to feel sorry for yourself, once your ego is bruised. I like to think of Gandhi, who fasted for 21 days to fight for something he believed in—for Indian independence. I can't even skip a meal for something I believe in, but that's because I don't believe in anything, certainly not my independence. Well, not with these three rejections, anyway.

"Thank you for your application, but we have decided to go with someone else for this particular position. We wish you luck on your future career endeavors."

Why can't rejection letters just be honest with you?

"Screw you very much. We don't like your application, but we mostly don't like you, which is why we've decided to hire this dumbass instead of you. Don't apply here again. EVER."

I am surrounded by people who complain about how much they hate their jobs and their salaries. I hate them and long desperately for a job that I can complain about too.

I think they want me to feel sorry for them, in their Pottery Barn-furnished homes and their shiny new cars with seat warmers.

Meanwhile, I sit at a hand-me-down Ikea desk and ride the bus.

I haven't been fun since I've been jobless. I talk about it incessantly—how desperately I want to waste my life away in a cubicle and be as unhappy as everyone else, just with more money.

My friends also need to shut up. The more they try to cheer me up, the more I want to punch them in the face.

I wonder what poverty will be like. I have grown accustomed to eating meals, wearing human clothes and living in an apartment.

But sometimes, things change. Speaking of, I spy a new e-mail in my inbox ...

Are things looking up? Hardly. It's a news story in which employed journalists are reporting that U.S. unemployment is at 9.4 percent.

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CORRECTION

The Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade is Feb. 6. A Tuesday Metromix story on Page 17 listed the incorrect date.



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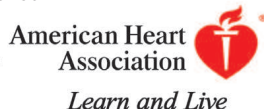
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IT COULD TAKE DAYS TO RECOVER FROM BLIZZARD THAT SHUTS DOWN ROADS, SCHOOLS AND AIRPORTS

Chicago Tribune

As Chicagoans wake to face the remaining hours of a turbulent winter storm, much of the region already has surrendered—the city's two major airports are paralyzed, schools and businesses have been shuttered, and officials are begging people to stay off the roads.

With forecasts that wind-whipped snow could mount to 20 inches before the storm eases sometime Wednesday afternoon, officials predicted several days will be needed to dig out before things return to normal.

"Every Chicago resident should brace for a storm that will be remembered for a long time," said Jose Santiago, head of the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications. "This storm will task the city's resources and test the patience of Chicago residents."

The storm struck in earnest Tuesday afternoon, unleashing billowing sheets of snow and leading business and government offices

across the region to shut down early.

More than 100 Commonwealth Edison crews were working through the night to restore power to thousands of suburban homes.

Metra trains, jam-packed through the early afternoon as commuters fled the Loop, were delayed more than 90 minutes Tuesday evening because of switch problems stemming from blowing and drifting snow.

At O'Hare and Midway, more than 1,300 flights were canceled, snarling air traffic across the country. Airport crews will spend Wednesday plowing and brushing snow off runways and tarmacs, a slow-moving task along stretches of cement that can stretch more than 2 miles long and up to 200 feet wide.

The hope is that a limited number of flights can resume at some point during the day at O'Hare. Midway operations weren't scheduled to resume until at least Wednesday afternoon.

For the first time since 1999, Chicago Pub-

LAKE SHORE DRIVE CLOSED

All of Lake Shore Drive was shut down as of 7:50 p.m. Tuesday due to safety concerns over the weather, according to the city's Office of Emergency Management and Communication. Earlier, a CTA bus appeared to have spun out on an icy Lake Shore Drive, blocking northbound traffic near the Belmont Avenue exit. No injuries were reported, according to the CTA.

lic Schools canceled classes, as did most area school districts.

"I woke up this morning with a vision of a 5-year-old trudging through the snow facing the teeth of a 50-mile-an-hour gale force wind," CPS's Interim CEO Terry Mazany said. "That would have severely put that youngster at risk. Should that forecast materialize we'd jeopardize the safety of the kids."

Roads throughout the state were hazardous. Gov. Quinn issued a disaster declaration and activated more than 500 Illinois National Guardsmen to assist stranded motorists throughout the state. Guardsmen are stationed at rest areas from Interstate 70 near St. Louis north to Chicago.

Chicago's Department of Streets and Sanitation was set to utilize its full fleet of 274 trucks and 120 garbage trucks with quick hitch plows to clear main routes. Side streets will remain unplowed until the primary roads are cleared.

The Chicago Fire Department rented almost 50 snowmobiles to ensure that paramedics can reach residents on snow-clogged side streets Wednesday.

"When the storm starts, it's an hour-by-hour process," said Thomas Byrne, head of Chicago's Department of Streets and Sanitation. "We're prepared as best we can."

The Chicago Transit Authority was running longer trains more frequently to keep tracks clear of snow and the third rail, which powers the trains, from icing over. CTA president Rich Rodriguez said the agency also plans on deploying four diesel-powered snow fighter locomotives with a snow blower on one end and a rotating broom on the other.

"As long as I can keep the trains moving every 15 minutes, we should be able to keep up with the buildup," Rodriguez said.



A man walks on the Adams Street bridge on Tuesday afternoon. PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE



Waves of up to 25 feet are predicted on Lake Michigan, which could cause flooding along Lake Shore Drive. Pounding offshore waves could break up ice covering inshore waters and pile it up along shore, according to a warning issued by the National Weather Service.

Commuters became early victims of the storm's wrath as they tried to leave the city early Tuesday afternoon. Union Station was a chaotic scene as travelers crammed onto platforms and trains to escape the worsening weather.

Metra staff held paper schedule, and made frequent announcements—sometimes through megaphones—trying to direct passengers to trains operating on altered schedules and making additional stops.

Tammy Paradoski of Arlington Heights was forced to head back to the suburbs after her flight out of Midway was canceled.

"This is Chicago," she said. "This is what you get living in the Midwest in the winter."

Stranded commuters make their way north on a closed Lake Shore Drive at Belmont on Tuesday after getting off a stranded bus.
BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE



A day off work isn't a guarantee

Chicago Tribune

In the past, when major snowstorms hit the Chicago area, employees at CCH packed toothbrushes and spent a long night in their cubicles to make sure everything got done.

No pajama parties are planned this week at the tax and accounting software company with offices in Chicago and Riverwoods. For many employees, Wednesday's whiteout will mean spending the day hunkered down at home—working.

“Even two, three years ago, we just didn't have the technology that would allow our employees ... the ability to direct calls to their home workspace or their cell phones,” said Jerry Pruitt, vice president of customer service and operations. “It's amazing how far it has come.”

Roads may be impassable and parking lots buried, but at CCH and other Chicago-area companies, the storm's wallop shouldn't dent productivity. Instead, it's expected to be a showcase of communication technology that has become part of everyday life in the decade since the last big snowstorm hit the Chicago area—technology that could dramatically lessen the effects of this storm on workers.

During the past five to 10 years, companies across the country have embraced “telework” because employers recognize it can be much more productive than asking workers to commute for hours in foul weather. And nothing better demonstrates the advantages of this approach than a major, highway-clogging snowstorm, experts say.

“There are options now,” said Peter Handal, chairman and CEO of Dale Carnegie Training, where he monitors workplace and management trends.

Andrea Miller is opting to work from her living room coffee table in North Center. A marketing assistant for an apartment-finding service in Chicago and Evanston, Miller said Internet programs allow her to respond to online inquiries, call potential clients and schedule appointments—all without having to leave her home.

“I've actually been with the company for five years, and I never expected it to be as easy as it is now,” she said. “I'm just glad we're a 21st century company where in the event of something like this, we are able to not completely shut down.”

Snow money, snow problems

Chicago Tribune

Listen closely—along with the howl of the wind and the rumble of snowplows, you might also hear the sound of people making and losing money on the storm.

Since last winter, the company that owns the Chicago Mercantile Exchange has offered a market for businesses and investors to trade futures and options—also known as derivatives—tied to the amount of snow that falls during a set time span.

CME Group runs the only exchanges that trade the snow-based products, offering investors the opportunity to trade derivatives tied to six snow-measurement locations, including O'Hare, com-



A truck plows snow at Garfield Boulevard and the Dan Ryan on Tuesday. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

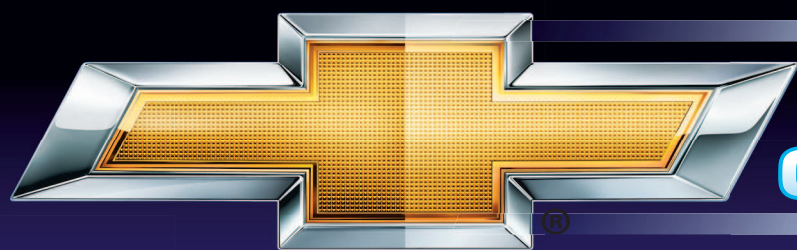
pany officials said.

Broker Jeff Hodgson, who specializes in weather-based trading, said these snow-related financial products largely

exist now to hedge risks for businesses whose profits can be boosted or destroyed by snow.

For example, some snow-removal companies sign contracts to plow clients' parking lots for a set price, no matter how much snow falls in one winter, he said. So they stand to lose money on a monster snowfall such as the one that was expected to sweep into town Tuesday, said Hodgson, who runs Chicago Weather Brokerage. If a snow-removal business wanted to hedge its

risk, that company might go on the market looking for a trade that would pay off if snowfall surpasses a certain total—the more snow, the higher the payoff, he said.



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New Metra boss an L.A. import

Promises to make Metra a 'customer-centric' operation

Chicago Tribune

The new executive in charge of running Metra vowed Tuesday to make passenger satisfaction, fiscal responsibility and in-house reforms his top priorities in taking over the nation's third-largest commuter rail system.

Metra's directors unanimously named Alex Clifford, 51, an official with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as Metra's executive director and CEO.

Clifford promised to make Metra a more "customer-centric" operation.

"I intend to be present on all lines and visit stations often, meeting passengers and listening to what they have to say," Clifford said.

His first step was to order a customer satisfaction survey posted on Metra's website, metrarail.com.

Clifford also vowed to "embrace technology." The transit agency only last year began accepting credit cards for purchasing tickets and revamped its website for the first time.

Clifford, a former Marine, will be paid \$252,500 a year under a three-year contract. He officially takes over Feb. 11, filling the vacancy left after the suicide of longtime Metra boss Phil Pagano.

In other actions, Metra's board agreed to retain William Tupper as deputy executive director at a salary of \$235,000. Tupper is a 30-year Metra veteran and long has served as operations chief.

STORM CONNECTION

Hurried by dire warnings of an approaching blizzard, people left work early in droves and flocked to Chicago's downtown train stations Tuesday hours before the evening rush normally begins. Metra scheduled extra service in the early afternoon from its downtown terminals on several of its lines to accommodate people.

Clifford comes from L.A.'s Metropolitan Transportation Authority, or Metro, where he helped facilitate high-speed train service in Los Angeles County.

He also was involved with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, known as Metrolink commuter rail, as well as the Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency.

Previously, Clifford served as general manager of one of Metro's bus service sectors. In addition, he served as a city councilman for the city of Riverside, Calif.

"Transit and transportation policy are in my blood, as you can tell from my background," Clifford said.

Metra Chairwoman Carole Doris described Clifford as a "big-picture policymaker," and praised his leadership, fiscal skills and management ability.

"He is the right man at the right time for this job," Doris said.



Braun apologizes for crack comment

Mayoral candidate Carol Moseley Braun on Tuesday offered a public apology to a little-known opponent she had called a crack addict. The apology at an afternoon news conference came a day after Patricia Van Pelt-Watkins said Braun owed her one but she didn't expect to get one. "Patricia Watkins said she does not expect an apology from me. She is wrong," Braun said. Braun declined to say if she had contacted Watkins personally.

Standoff ends with 3 people dead

A man who had barricaded himself in a West Side apartment in the 3200 block of West Hirsch Street on Tuesday morning after shooting two people apparently shot and killed himself, police said. The identities of the three weren't available, but a spokesman for the Cook County medical examiner's office said the man and one of the women were dead on the scene, while the second woman was pronounced dead at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Daley administration rejects Taste bid

Mayor Daley's administration announced Tuesday it has rejected a bid from a private company to take over the Taste of Chicago, citing the idea of an admission fee. The bidder had wanted to charge a \$20 fee to get into the previously free lakefront food festival. That later was revised to \$10, city officials said. The bidder, called Celebrate Chicago, was the only one to respond to City Hall's request for proposals. **TRIBUNE**



Cleric Anwar al-Awlaki is shown in a screen grab released by the SITE Intelligence Group in October. GETTY IMAGES

British prosecutors: Cleric planned U.S. attack

1 Muslim cleric Anwar al-Awlaki tried to get information from a British Airways worker for use in a plot to blow up planes, preferably in the U.S., prosecutors in London said Tuesday at the trial of the BA employee.

Beating suspects in custody

2 Seven teenagers were in custody Tuesday in connection with the beating of a 13-year-old boy, attacked while he was walking home from school this month in a Philadelphia suburb, authorities said. A video taken on the cell phone of one of the suspects shows the boy being kicked, dragged through the snow and stuffed into a tree, then hung from his jacket on a tall wrought-iron fence.

Gabor taken to hospital

3 Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor was taken by ambulance to an L.A. hospital Tuesday, the spokesman for her husband said. Gabor, 93, spent three weeks at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center last month. Her right leg was amputated because of an infection.

'Jihad Jane' guilty plea

4 Colleen LaRose, the woman who authorities say called herself "Jihad Jane" on YouTube, has changed her mind about fighting government charges that she was plotting to wage violent jihad overseas. She pleaded guilty at a hearing Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Monk faces prison time

5 A Buddhist monk could face five years in prison after becoming the first casualty of a stringent anti-smoking law in the tiny Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, which vows to become the first smoke-free nation.

Dog slaughter probe

6 An animal welfare group is investigating the execution of 100 healthy sled dogs in Vancouver, British Columbia, after tour business got slow following the Olympics, according to news reports.

Frazzled freshmen

That first year of college has always been tough. But tight economic times have made it even harder.

Pressures to pay for college and choose studies that will produce good jobs have stressed this year's college freshmen at unprecedented levels.

In a new report, college freshmen rated their emotional health at the lowest level in the 25 years of the survey.

The data, published by UCLA, mirrored observations of some high school and college counselors.

"In the last couple of years of the recession, students' parents are more stressed, and the natural idealism and optimism in

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The UCLA study reached 201,818 freshmen at 279 four-year colleges around the country. Its results are said to be statistically representative of the nation's 1.5 million first-year, full-time students.

the young adult population has been eroded," said Rick Hanson, director of student counseling at Rockhurst University and a past president of the American College Counseling Association.

Lauren Sander, a Rockhurst freshman, agreed that new college students were feeling a lot of stress, especially if they didn't have good coping skills.

"Some may freak out way more than they should while they're getting used to how college works and how their classes are going," Sander said.

Although there's not a wholesale "freak-out" occurring on campuses, it's clear that economic pressures are piling on top of the normal life transitions teens experience.

"Freshmen and their parents are more aware of the student loan debt they are taking on, and therefore more anxious about money," said Barbara Cooke, lead counselor at Metropolitan Community College-Maple Woods and author of "Parent's Guide to College and Careers."



iMagic man

7 Magician Shinya Uchida performs Tuesday with an Apple iPad at the press preview of the Japan Media Arts Festival in Tokyo. GETTY IMAGES

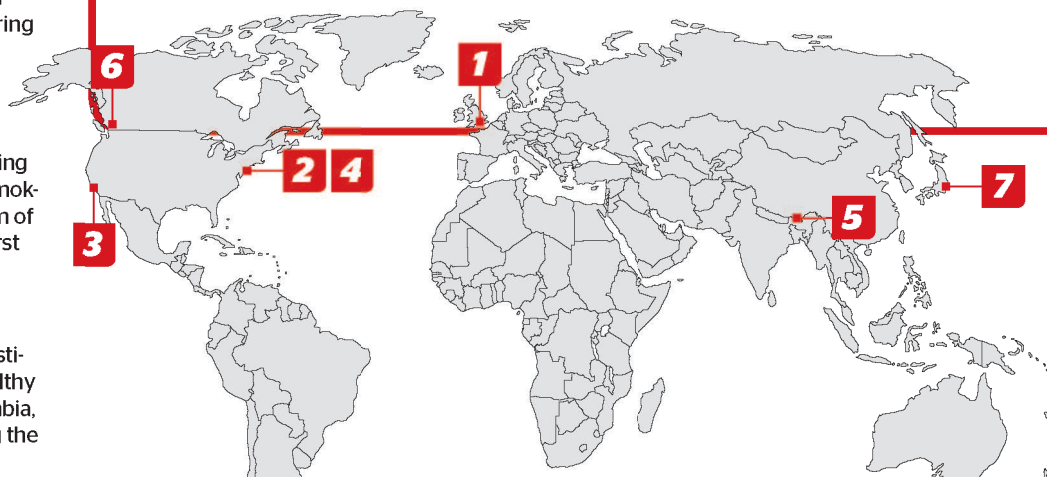
Airlines on board with offering free Facebook access

Facebook status updates won't have to wait until touchdown for air travelers during February.

Seven carriers—AirTran Airways, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, US Airways and Virgin America—are giving free access to the social networking site over their in-flight Wi-Fi service.

"Facebook continues to be the No. 1 website visited by travelers using Gogo at 30,000 feet," said Jim Berrien, the chief revenue officer at Aircell. "Our commitment is to offer great in-flight experiences to our users, and unique marketing opportunities to advertisers."

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On the brink

Here are some of Tuesday's major developments from the Middle East. **CNN**

» Bowing to eight days of protests, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced Tuesday night that he will hand over power to an elected successor "in a constitutional way" when his term ends in September. But the announcement rang flat in Cairo's Tahrir Square, where thousands of protesters erupted in chants of "Down with Mubarak" and "The people want the president to be judged."

» Protesters were packed shoulder-to-shoulder in Tahrir Square by noon Tuesday. Though no central organizer appeared to exist, some protesters took it upon themselves to act as security, patting people down as they entered the square and telling demonstrators to remain peaceful.

» Inside Tahrir—which means "freedom" or "liberation" in Arabic—some protesters suggested marching toward Mubarak's presidential palace. Tens of thousands prayed on their knees on the asphalt in unison under the sprawling city's winter sun, then chanted "leave, leave" in a deafening roar to their president.

» Some pro-Mubarak demonstrators also were in the square Tuesday morning. Some residents said they were opposed to the protests. "I am upset with the revolution in Tahrir Square," said Muna al-Mahdi, her voice trembling with emotion as she spoke in her middle-class Cairo neighborhood. "It doesn't represent us. ... We are here sticking with Hosni Mubarak only. Give him two months, give him time to work. And then he can go peacefully."

» Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday that the international community must demand that any Egyptian government maintain its peace treaty with Israel.

» The U.S. State Department has ordered the departure of all nonemergency American government personnel and their families from Egypt, spokesman P.J. Crowley said Tuesday.



A youth waves Egyptian flags from a lamp post Tuesday in Cairo's Tahrir Square.

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Watershed moment for the Arab world

The protests that have spread through parts of the Arab world led to dramatic change in another country Tuesday, as Jordan's king dismissed his government.

King Abdullah II made the decision following protests in recent weeks in which several thousand people demanded economic and political reforms.

Experts on the region said Tuesday that Abdullah's decision was aimed at warding off larger-scale demonstrations in the wake of the huge protests in Tunisia and Egypt. The Tunisia protests, which began the movement, toppled that country's government. In Egypt, President Hosni Mubarak has fired his Cabinet, but protesters in massive demonstrations continue to call for his ouster.

The protests—which also have caught on to various extents in Algeria, Yemen and Sudan—have proved to be "a real watershed event for the Arab world," said Blake Hounshell, managing editor of Foreign Policy mag-

OBAMA EXPECTS 'DIFFICULT DAYS'

President Obama warned Tuesday of "difficult days ahead" for Egypt and said the transition following President Hosni Mubarak's earlier announcement that he won't run for re-election in September must begin immediately.

azine. "It's really unprecedented."

There was a series of protests in Arab nations in the 1950s, but those were prompted by an ideology of Pan-Arabism in a post-colonial world, said Emile Hokayem, with the International Institute for Strategic Studies. A 2005 uprising in Lebanon was about independence and ousting Syria. While it was successful, the revolution's message was not one that other nations associated with, he said.

"It's different this time. People are standing up for their economic rights, their dignity. It's very different," Hokayem said.

Ibrahim Sharqieh of the Brookings Institution said there's a whole new mindset.

"The Tunisian uprising has caused change in the attitude and behavior of ordinary Arab citizens—and today we are witnessing the emergence of a can-do nation attitude," he explained.

Economic concerns have fueled the protests across the region. At a speech Tuesday in Singapore, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said the need for action against unemployment was "a strong undercurrent of the political turmoil in Tunisia, and of rising social strains in other countries," according to his prepared remarks.

Arab leaders have been getting the message, Hokayem said, noting an article in the Wall Street Journal in which Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said leaders must "see the need of reform" before protests like those in Egypt and Tunisia break out, because by then "it's too late to do any reform."

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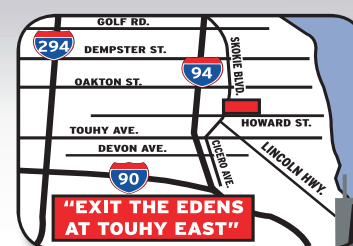
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THE RUN-UP TO THE SUPER BOWL IS LIVING UP TO ITS RIDICULOUS REPUTATION

RedEye

Super Bowl media day came and went Tuesday with the usual non-football shenanigans taking over Cowboys Stadium. From reporters donning ridiculous get-ups to players acting nutty, the ridiculousness was on full display. Here are a few of the crazier moments.

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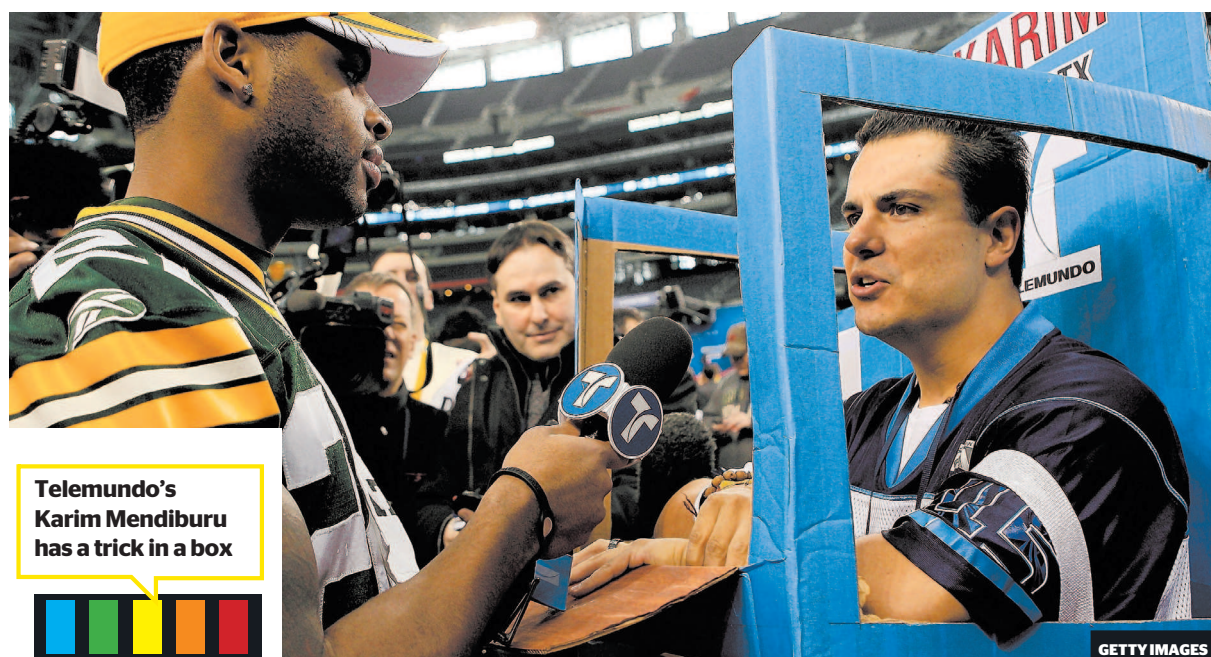
Donald Driver and another weird dude



Packers QBs just hang loose



OFF THE CHARTS!



Telemundo's Karim Mendiburu has a trick in a box



Green Bay coaching staff backs Cutler

ARLINGTON, Texas When the Green Bay Packers defensive coaching staff noticed Bears backup quarterback Todd Collins getting loose on the opposite sideline in the third quarter of the NFC championship game at Soldier Field, they huddled briefly to discuss whether to change the

game plan. "But one of the other assistants commented, 'If Cutler can play, he will play, because he's a tough kid, so keep your guys focused on the rush lanes,'" Packers defensive line coach Mike Trgovac said Tuesday during Super Bowl XLV media day at Cowboys Stadium.

"I'm just going to tell you from my perspective, playing against Cutler when I was at Carolina [with the Panthers staff] and he was at Denver, he's a tough kid. ... I thought that stuff [criticizing Cutler] was crazy."

Trgovac has coached long enough to know rep-

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Clay Matthews wears a Troy Polamalu wig



A Nicktoons reporter interviews Packer Josh Sitton



utations aren't always earned, and referenced his time coaching Julius Peppers in Carolina. When Peppers won NFL Rookie of the Year honors, Trgovac was his position coach. The knock on Peppers coming out of North Carolina: He took plays off. Recalling the rep that accompanied Peppers to Chicago, Trgovac laughed. "Do you guys see him taking plays off in Chicago? No." **TRIBUNE**

Let's be cheeseheads

I'm about to do something I never thought I'd do in my lifetime. I am going to root for the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XLV and as crazy as it sounds, I think you should too. Here's why.



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10 FOR THE KIDS

Growing up in the land of Milwaukee's Beast and cream cheese thighs is bad enough. They deserve one positive childhood memory.

9 REVENGE

Thought we forgot about Kordell Stewart, didn't you Pittsburgh? We've spent years cursing you for sending that clown our way.

8 BE GONE

Anything that contributes to the erasure of Brett Favre and his croc shots from our collective consciousness is worth rooting for.

7 SELF-DEFENSE

There's no easier way to deflect insults hurled your way by Pack fans than by switching sides for a day.

6 CASH IN

Throw some loot down on the Pack and don't look back. If it makes ya feel better, spend your winnings on a "Green Bay Sucks" T-shirt.

5 HOPE

If the Pack can become champs with 90 percent of their team on IR, why can't we?

4 PERSONAL GAIN

Impress the girl at the Super Bowl party by rooting for the wholesome Packers instead of the lady-hating likes of Ben Roethlisberger.

3 HUMOR

With a win, millions of Wisconsin babies would be born in nine months with names like Tramon and Atari. How can you root against that?

2 REDEMPTION

We almost beat the Pack with a Molotov cocktail of god-awful quarterbacks. A Pack win makes our failure look a bit better.

1 PITY

For once, take pity on those souls who have nothing to look forward to besides high cholesterol, camouflage and elastic waistbands.

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1 What other event could use a crazy media day like the Super Bowl?	Updates on Derrick Rose's condition. Super Bowl?	The Tour de Franzia. It's a grape time! (I'm sorry, that was terrible.)	Arbor Day.	The return of "Pitch Fest" to RedEye this spring. Right, Julie?	Cubs Opening Day.
2 How would you stay focused amid all the hype while preparing for the Super Bowl?	By avoiding the cheesy puns, oxy-morons and hyper-bowle.	Listen to one of the 200-plus covers of "Black and Yellow" (Also: How are none of them good?)	One word: Focusyn.	Routine is the Ritalin for "hype." Practice, practice, practice!	Create white noise—iPod with music during the day and the ever-popular White Noise app for the iPad.
3 What's your prescription for Derrick Rose's ulcers?	Better blockers.	A heavy dose of Vitamin M and V—oh, and P.	Heat compress. Oh, wait. Compress the Heat.	A championship trophy is the perfect antacid.	I'm far from a doctor but take two aspirin and call me in the morning. Same for Noah now that he's cast-free.
4 It's been so long since the Blackhawks played I don't know if they can find the hole.	... I started watching a "Living Single" marathon. Oh, that Sinclair!	... Duncan Keith's seven teeth have grown back.	... my no-game beard is longer than my playoff beard.	... with a consistent first line.
5 Make a prediction about the last half of the Blackhawks' season.	They start in Columbus so hopefully it's smooth sailing, not a pox on the Madhouse.	Will there even BE one after this Class-3 Killstorm?	Kaner's hair will continue to get worse. Remember when his mullet was a joke?	Hawks will get more wins than Chicago will get inches of snow Wednesday.	Yikes! You want me to put my bets on paper? OK ... they'll make the playoffs as the fourth or fifth seed.

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- **AMC Independent Blutiful** (R) ♦ 11:15,2:30,5:45,9:10
- **AMC Independent From Prada to Nada** (PG-13) 11:35,2:20,5:10,8:00,10:50
- **The Rite** (PG-13) ♦ 11:30,2:15,5:00,7:50,10:30
- **AMC Independent The Company Men** (R) 11:20,2:05,4:45,7:45,10:25
- **No Strings Attached** (R) ♦ 11:00,1:45,4:25,7:15,9:55
- **AMC Independent The Way Back** (PG-13) 11:45,5:40
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 12:00,2:45,5:25,8:15,10:55
- **AMC Independent Blue Valentine** (R) ♦ 11:25,2:25,5:05,7:55,10:35
- **AMC Independent The King's Speech** (R) ♦ 11:40,4:35,7:30,10:10
- **AMC Independent The King's Speech** (R) ♦ 11:50,2:40,5:30,8:30
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 11:55,2:30,5:15,8:05,11:00
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 11:35,2:20,4:10,5:10,7:00,8:00,10:50
- **AMC Independent Barney's Version** (R) 11:15,2:35,5:55,9:15
- **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 4:40,10:05
- **AMC Independent Country Strong** (PG-13) 1:55,7:20
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 11:05,2:00,4:35,7:10,9:50
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) ♦ 11:40,1:30,2:35,4:15,5:30,7:05,8:10,9:45,10:45
- **AMC Independent The Fighter** (R) 11:10,1:50,4:50,7:40,10:20
- **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 9:50 P.M.
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 11:05,1:35
- **AMC Independent 127 Hours** (R) 11:50,2:10,4:40,7:25,10:00
- **AMC Independent Inside Job** (PG-13) 2:50,8:40

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **The Mechanic** (R) 12:10,2:35,5:25,8:10,10:45
- **AMC Independent From Prada to Nada** (PG-13) 1:20,4:10,7:00,9:50
- **The Rite** (PG-13) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:25
- **AMC Independent The Company Men** (R) 2:00,4:50,7:40,10:30
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 12:00,2:40,5:30,8:30,11:00
- **AMC Independent The Way Back** (PG-13) 4:15,10:40
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 12:45,3:45,6:40,9:35
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 8:20 P.M.
- **AMC Independent Blue Valentine** (R) 2:05,5:05,8:05,10:45
- **AMC Independent The King's Speech** (R) 1:00,4:05,7:10,10:10
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 2:10,5:00,8:00,10:50
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 12:05,3:10,6:15,9:20
- **The Green Hornet: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) 1:05,4:10,7:15,10:20
- **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 8:25,11:00
- **AMC Independent Country Strong** (PG-13) 1:15,7:45
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 1:55,4:55,7:50,10:35
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) 1:35,4:25,7:20,10:15
- **AMC Independent The Fighter** (R) 12:50,3:50,6:50,9:55
- **Yogi Bear** (PG) 12:55,3:30,5:55
- **Tangled** (PG) 12:25,3:00,5:35
- **AMC Independent 127 Hours** (R) 12:40,3:20,6:00,8:40,10:55

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Sanctum** (R) Advance Tickets Available
- **Justin Bieber: Never Say Never** (G) Advance Tickets Available
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 1:00,3:45,6:30,9:10
- **The Rite** (PG-13) 2:20,5:00,7:50,10:30
- **The Mechanic** (R) 1:15,3:30,5:45,8:00,10:20
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:20
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10
- **The Fighter** (R) 1:30,4:20,7:10,10:00
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 1:50,4:30,7:00,9:50
- **The Company Men** (R) 2:00,4:45,7:20,10:05
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 1:10,4:00,4:50,6:50,9:30,10:15
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 2:10,7:30
- **Rabbit Hole** (PG-13) 2:15,4:40,7:15,9:40

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **The Mechanic** (R) 2:10,4:50,7:30,10:15
- **The Rite** (PG-13) 1:55,4:35,7:15,10:00
- **AMC Independent From Prada to Nada** (PG-13) 1:50,4:25,7:00,9:45
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 1:30,4:05,7:05,9:40
- **AMC Independent The Heart Specialist** (R) 7:50,10:25
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 1:45,4:30,7:20,10:10
- **AMC Independent The King's Speech** (R) 2:15,5:00,7:45,10:30
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 2:25,5:05,7:40,10:20
- **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 2:00,4:20,6:45,9:10
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 2:30,5:15,8:00,10:45
- **Gulliver's Travels** (PG) 3:30,5:40
- **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 2:05,4:45,7:10,9:35
- **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) 1:40,4:00,6:30,8:45
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) 2:35,5:20,7:55,10:35
- **The Tourist** (PG-13) 1:45,4:15,6:50,9:20

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak., Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **The Mechanic** (R) 12:00,2:20,5:00,7:45,10:30
- **AMC Independent From Prada to Nada** (PG-13) 2:00,4:30,7:15,10:00
- **The Rite** (PG-13) 12:05,2:40,5:15,8:00,10:30
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 12:20,3:00,6:05,9:10
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 12:00,2:25,5:05,7:40,10:25
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 1:40,4:15,7:00,9:45
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 2:00,4:40,7:20,10:10
- **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 1:50,4:10,6:30,9:00
- **Gulliver's Travels 3D** (PG) 1:30,3:30,5:30
- **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 12:10,2:35,4:55,7:25,9:40
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) 2:15,4:45,7:20,9:55
- **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) 1:10,3:10,5:10,7:10,9:15
- **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 7:30,10:20
- **The Tourist** (PG-13) 12:10,2:50,5:20,7:50,10:15
- **AMC Independent The Fighter** (R) 6:20 P.M.
- **Tangled** (PG) 1:15,3:40,6:00

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104

- **From Prada to Nada** (PG-13) ♦ 1:20,4:15,7:10,9:50
- **The Mechanic** (R) ♦ 12:40,3:20,6:10,8:40
- **The Rite** (PG-13) ♦ 12:20,1:10,3:10,4:00,6:00,8:50,10:00
- **No Strings Attached** (R) ♦ 2:00,4:50,7:40,10:20
- **The Way Back** (PG-13) ♦ 1:15,4:10,10:15
- **Blue Valentine** (R) 2:30,5:15,8:15,11:00
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 2:20,5:10,7:50,10:30
- **The King's Speech** (R) 1:40,4:30,7:20,10:10
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 1:30,4:20,7:30,10:40
- **The Fighter** (R) 1:50,4:40,7:45,10:45
- **Black Swan** (R) 2:40,5:20,8:10,10:50
- **127 Hours** (R) 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:00
- **The Company Men** (R) 2:10,10:55

VIP Premium 21+

- **The Rite** (PG-13) ♦ **VIP Premium 21+** 12:20,3:10,6:00,8:50
- **No Strings Attached** (R) ♦ **VIP Premium 21+** 2:00,4:50,7:40,10:20

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 4:20
- **Blue Valentine** (R) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 12:05,2:30,4:55,7:20,9:50
- **The King's Speech** (R) 1:00,4:00,6:50,9:30
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:45
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 1:30,7:00,9:35
- **Black Swan** (R) 12:40,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00
- **The Fighter** (R) 1:40,4:15,6:45,9:20

EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINAEASTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123 ♿

- **Blutiful** (R) 12:20,3:50,7:10,10:30
- **From Prada to Nada** (PG-13) ♦ 11:20,1:50,4:25,7:05,9:40
- **The Mechanic** (R) 12:45,3:10,5:35,8:00,10:25
- **The Rite** (PG-13) ♦ 11:25,2:05,4:45,7:25,10:10
- **Another Year** (PG-13) 1:55,7:30
- **Barney's Version** (R) 12:40,4:05,7:15,10:25
- **Black Swan** (R) 11:45,2:20,5:05,7:40,10:20
- **Blue Valentine** (R) 11:30,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:35
- **No Strings Attached** (R) ♦ 11:30,12:35,2:05,3:15,4:40,5:55,7:15,8:35,9:55
- **Rabbit Hole** (PG-13) 3:05,5:30,7:55,10:15
- **Somewhere** (R) 11:35,5:00,10:30
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) ♦ 11:40,2:20,4:55,7:35,10:20
- **The Fighter** (R) ♦ 12:50,4:00,7:10,10:00
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) ♦ 12:15 P.M.
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 11:25,2:10,4:50,7:50,10:40
- **The Illusionist** (PG) 12:50,3:00,5:10,7:20,9:30
- **The King's Speech** (R) 11:50,1:20,2:35,4:10,5:20,7:00,8:10,9:50
- **True Grit** (PG-13) ♦ 11:20,2:00,4:35,7:20,10:05



The good news keeps coming for the Bulls, kind of like Chicago's never-ending winter. **Tom Thibodeau** was named the NBA's Eastern Conference coach of the month Monday. The Bulls were 12-4 during January and kept their undefeated division record intact.



It's official. The Tampa Bay Rays welcomed free agent outfielders **Manny Ramirez**, who played for the White Sox last season, and Johnny Damon to the fold Tuesday after signing the former World Series-winning Boston Red Sox teammates to their young squad.



Carlos de los Cobos enters his second season as coach of the Fire saying "we don't have any excuses" for a lack of success. GETTY IMAGES

Relighting the Fire

Team hits camp early, focuses on playoff return

Fire head coach Carlos de los Cobos says there will be no excuses in 2011.

After enduring a painful learning process in 2010, de los Cobos guides a revamped team into its 14th season lacking some notable veterans but stocked with promising young talent.

"Now we need to work," de los Cobos said on Tuesday. "We don't have excuses, I don't have excuses. [But] I trust in myself to field a new team and have the success we need to have."

The second-year Fire coach talked about lessons learned and elevated expectations following his team's second day of preseason training at Bridgeview's indoor Sports Dome.

"I know better about my opponents, my rivals," he said. "This situation will help me make decisions about the season ... and I need to take advantage of this knowledge."

The Fire finished 9-12-9 in 2010 and missed the Major League Soccer playoffs for only the second time since their 1998 inaugural season.

Chicago opens 2011 with a new captain—midfielder Logan Pause—plus a revamped roster that includes four draft picks, a collection of 18 other foreign and home-grown invitees and the possibility of more signings to come.

The Fire welcomed 42 players to camp this week, the earliest reporting in their history. Two-a-day sessions in Bridgeview continue through next week followed by travel to Florida for more training and a pair of scheduled exhibition games.

The Fire open the season at FC Dallas on March 19 and host Sporting Kansas City (formerly the Kansas City Wizards) in a March 26 home opener.



B.J. "The Freezer" Raji is no William "The Refrigerator" Perry, but he sees himself in that category. Bears fans know Raji as the Packers nose tackle who intercepted Caleb Hanie and scored a touchdown to seal Green Bay's win in the NFC title game. Hate to break it to you B.J., but the Fridge can't be topped. People never forget their first. You're just sloppy seconds.



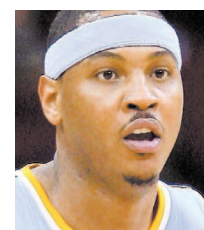
BAD TIMING

The Chicago Fire began their preseason camp this week. I'm sure you heard.



OUT WITH THE OLD

Magic Johnson says the L.A. Lakers need to make a trade because "we're looking old and we're playing old." Sorry, Magic, that might be bad news for you, but it's good news for all of us sick of the Lakers. Amlrite?



IN THE DOGHOUSE

Carmelo Anthony, just stop. When reporters ask you about being traded, shut up. We're sick of you and your drama. It's turning into LeBron, Part 2.

TREATED

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GAME PLANNER

Bulls at L.A. Clippers
9:30 p.m. CSN

Maryland vs. Duke
8 p.m. ESPN

National Signing Day
8 a.m. ESPN

» Individual home-game tickets for White Sox games will go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. Friday. Purchase at **whitesox.com** or by phone at 866-769-4263.

FINAL SCORE

- » Blackhawks 7, Columbus 4
- » Illinois vs. Penn St., late
- » Bradley 69, Creighton 61
- » SIU-Edwardsville vs. Southeast Missouri—postponed

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Al Piemonte Ford announced the start of its pre-auto show savings event. This is an annual event which generally draws hundreds of deal seekers to this gigantic Melrose Park auto dealership. This is anticipated to be bigger and better than before according to Al Piemonte, dealership owner. With fresh hard to get inventory being delivered daily and with new manufacturer to dealer incentives, pre-auto show is the best time to take advantage of great deals! Piemonte went on to explain how he has one of the largest inventories in all of Chicagoland and it's priced for immediate delivery.

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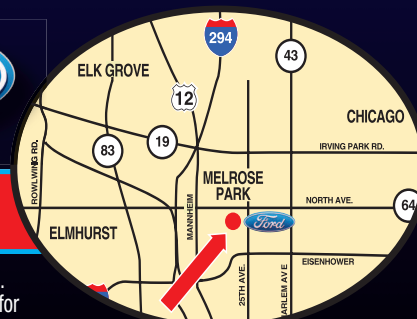
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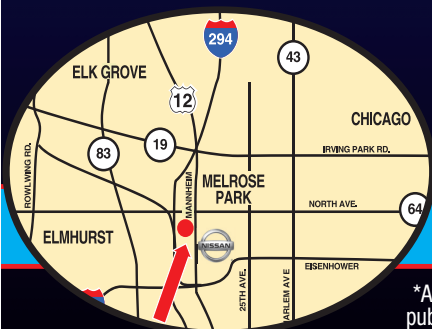
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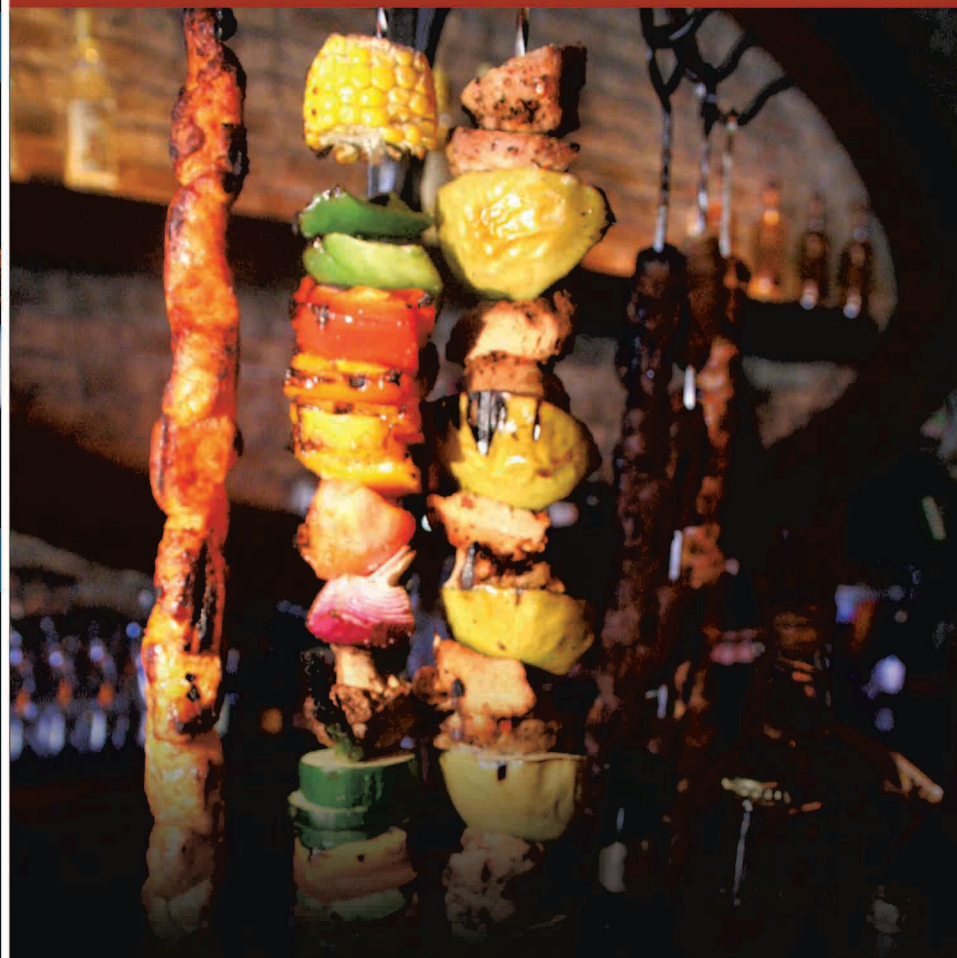
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Hubbub

See what hot spots are in the works on Hubbard Street

By Lisa Arnett and Emily Van Zandt

From oyster-slurping at Shaw's to Rocktail-sipping at Rockit, Hubbard Street in River North has been a going-out hub for years. On the heels of tequila-laden cantina Dos Diablos and karaoke lair Blue Frog 22 opening last year, the street is going to see even more action this year with new dining and drinking destinations moving in among the reliable standbys. Here's what else to keep your eyes out for next week and throughout the rest of the year.

Slurping Turtle

116 W. Hubbard St.

ETA: Between Mid-July and Aug. 1
Takashi Yagihashi of Bucktown's much-loved Takashi is the force behind this eatery serving up sashimi, noodle dishes and seafood-centric small plates. The lighthearted name's a nod to the "Happy Slurping" slogan on the T-shirts servers wear during Sunday noodle service at Takashi, combined with the fact that the turtle is a symbol of luck and longevity in Japan.



Hubbard Inn

110 W. Hubbard St.

ETA: Feb. 7

The team behind English and LaSalle Power Co. is set to open this Ernest Hemingway-inspired bar/restaurant hybrid next week. Expect small plates, craft brews and a multi-level space richly decorated with Moroccan tiles, marble bars and leather club seats.



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Hubbard Street



To-be-named restaurant

113 W. Hubbard St.

ETA: Fall

Michael Gonzalez and Sam Sanchez (John Barleycorn, Moe's Cantina) are teaming up with Sam's brother Roman Sanchez (Griffin Lounge, Social Twenty-Five) on this to-be-named, organic-focused restaurant and lounge with windows that'll open up onto Hubbard Street. Though Sanchez has been scouting the area for a River North location of Barleycorn for some time, he insists that's not what's in the works here.



Paris Club

59 W. Hubbard St

ETA: Feb. 9

Hub 51 owners RJ and Jerrod Melman have teamed up with former Brasserie Jo chef Jean Joho for this bar and restaurant. They're promising wine on tap and spins on French favorites ranging from mini-croque monsieurs to Madrange ham-laden mac 'n' cheese to escargot by the piece.

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This week: Do you stand a chance with a bartender?



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NO

That drink you got on the house isn't a declaration of love from the bartender. Bartenders are friendly to patrons because tips are their livelihood. It's a symbiotic relationship, not a romantic one. If you think the bartender is flirting with you, wait till you see how he "flirts" with the next patron ordering a drink. That cute bartender you are crushing on probably can wallpaper his entire pad with all the notes with numbers he's received. Unless it's written on a green note printed by the U.S. Treasury, your number is going in the trash with all the rest. —VICTORIA RODRIGUEZ



YES

Believe it or not, bartenders are humans too. They date. But they're probably not going to make a move at the bar that employs them. Especially

when they're working. If you actually feel like the bartender might be interested in you, it doesn't hurt to see what bar he's headed to after close or on a day off. After all, they've got to meet people somewhere. Just be careful about throwing declarations of interest at someone who's just being nice. It's called the service industry for a reason ... but don't count them out completely. —EMILY VAN ZANDT

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5 p.m. Fri.-Mon.: Executive chef Chris Curren prepares a three- (\$55) and five-course (\$90) dinner. Includes a glass of Champagne. The regular menu is also available; \$55-\$90; 416 W. Ontario St.

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5 p.m. Sat., Mon.: Chef Giuseppe Scurato offers a three-course degustation menu (\$50) featuring fettucini with crabmeat in a white wine cherry tomato sauce, filet mignon and dark chocolate mousse. Wine pairings are available for an additional \$15. The regular menu of contemporary American fare is available; \$50-\$65; 4882 N. Clark St. 773-878-4882.

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5 p.m. Fri.-Mon.: The Bucktown restaurant offers a three course prix fixe for \$45 per person all weekend, as well as half-priced bottles of wine on Monday, Feb. 14; \$45; 1616 N. Damen Ave. 773-772-7100.

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FEBRUARY concert guide

25 shows to
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By Andy Downing

Even the year's shortest month arrives packed with goodies. With concerts on the way from a pair of arty pop divas (Lady Gaga, Robyn), celebrated indie rockers (Decemberists, Dismemberment Plan, Best Coast) and hard rocking legends (Motorhead, Gang of Four), there are ample reasons for Chicago music fans to brave the elements. (Full event info at metromix.com.)

Decemberists

Feb. 4 at Riviera Theatre

The ambitious crew, normally prone to highly stylized concept albums dense with professorial lyrics, strips things way back on its latest, the warm, folksy "The King Is Dead."

Disappears

Feb. 4 at Empty Bottle

The Chicago band's sophomore album, "Guider," improves on its impressive debut, packing in six dense, hypnotic guitar cuts that hit with the impact of heavy-weight body blows.

My Brightest Diamond

Feb. 4 at Lincoln Hall

Shara Worden, better known as My Brightest Diamond, has cultivated a pleasantly patchwork style that combines mystic folk, jagged rock and chamber pop.

Detroit Cobras

Feb. 5 at Double Door

Detroit's best garage rock cover band specializes in rowdy arrangements that sound like they were hashed out while passing around a bottle of cheap whiskey.



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Talib Kweli

Feb. 4 at The Shrine

His legacy solidified by his work with Mos Def in Black Star, Kweli could easily rest on his laurels. Instead, the NYC rapper keeps pushing his lyricism to new heights.

Wavves/Best Coast

Feb. 8-9 at Lincoln Hall

A he said/she said double bill for fans who like their stoned surf rock both raucous (Wavves) and dreamy (Best Coast).

Justin Townes Earle

Feb. 10 at Metro

Earle's third album, "Harlem River Blues" (Bloodshot), flirts with haunted folk, country blues and even gospel on the swollen-river baptism of the title cut.

Robyn

Feb. 11 at Riviera Theatre

The Swedish pop star, in the midst of a stunning creative outpouring, should be packing venues 10 times this size. See her now, before the rest of America (finally) catches on.



Gang of Four

Feb. 11 at Metro

After a 15-year absence, the angular post-punkers return with a rough-and-tumble new album ("Content") that shows they haven't lost a step.

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic

Feb. 11 at Congress Theater

Freaky funkmaster Clinton, whose colorful locks make it look as though he were crossbred with a parrot, will try to turn this mother out in a show certain to pack in the hits.



Motorhead*Feb. 19 at Congress Theater*

Hard rock icon and all-around badass Ian "Lemmy" Kilmister is now also the subject of a feature-length documentary ("Lemmy," out Feb. 15). And, dude, "Ace of Spades." Ace. Of. Spades.

The Church*Feb. 11 at Park West*

The long-running Australian crew ably straddles the line between psychedelia and prog.

Interpol*Feb. 12 at Riviera Theatre*

The moody NYC rockers might sound like they're spinning their wheels on recent releases, but the stark, black-and-white drama of the group's earliest work still stuns.

Deerhoof*Feb. 15 at Bottom Lounge*

Avant-garde rockers who specialize in songs that sometimes sound as though they were cobbled together by cheery kindergartners during art class.

The Dismemberment Plan*Feb. 19-20 at Metro*

The recently re-formed indie rockers play here on the heels of the long-overdue reissue of their finest album, the landmark "Emergency & I."

Tennis*Feb. 22 at Lincoln Hall*

"Cape Dory" (Fat Possum), the debut album from the Denver-based husband-wife duo, was written during an eight-month sailing voyage—a trek that echoes all over these sun-bleached tunes.

Jamey Johnson*Feb. 26 at United Center*

The bearded country throwback, who opens here for Kid Rock, released one of 2010's best albums with "The Guitar Song," a double-CD thick with world-weary, blue-collar appeal.

Asobi Seksu*Feb. 28 at Empty Bottle*

A dream-pop collective whose forthcoming album, "Fluorescence," packs added muscle.

Randy Newman*Feb. 26 at Park West*

Perhaps best known to the latest generation as "that guy who sings in 'Toy Story,'" the legendary songwriter remains a sharp surveyor of everything from politics to human nature.

Broken Records*Feb. 26 at Schubas*

With their new album, this gaggle of Scots shift into arena rock mode, dropping one widescreen guitar anthem after another.

Dropkick Murphys*Feb. 26-27 at Congress Theater*

The Massachusetts-based, Celtic-punk fire starters are

accompanied by a pair of top-notch openers (Naked Raygun on Saturday and Against Me! on Sunday) for these dual weekend gigs.

Cage the Elephant*Feb. 27 at the Vic*

The Kentucky rockers tour here behind their new album, "Thank You Happy Birthday," a spastic, eclectic collection that owes a debt to the Pixies' Black Francis.

Lady Gaga*Feb. 28 at United Center*

Gaga's visually explosive live shows incorporate multiple costume changes and an army of dancers, making them a treat for fans of both avant-garde fashion and sheer arena spectacle.

The Low Anthem*Feb. 28 at Lincoln Hall*

These pastoral-rock throwbacks have an ear for pleasant, homespun tunes that have a turn-of-the-century feel.

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Ke\$ha*Feb. 24 at House of Blues*

Decked out in garbage glam, the pop tart turns out disposable, synthetic jams that double as playground taunts directed at guys who talk too much ("Blah Blah Blah") and troll for younger women ("Dinosaur").



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By Matt Pais

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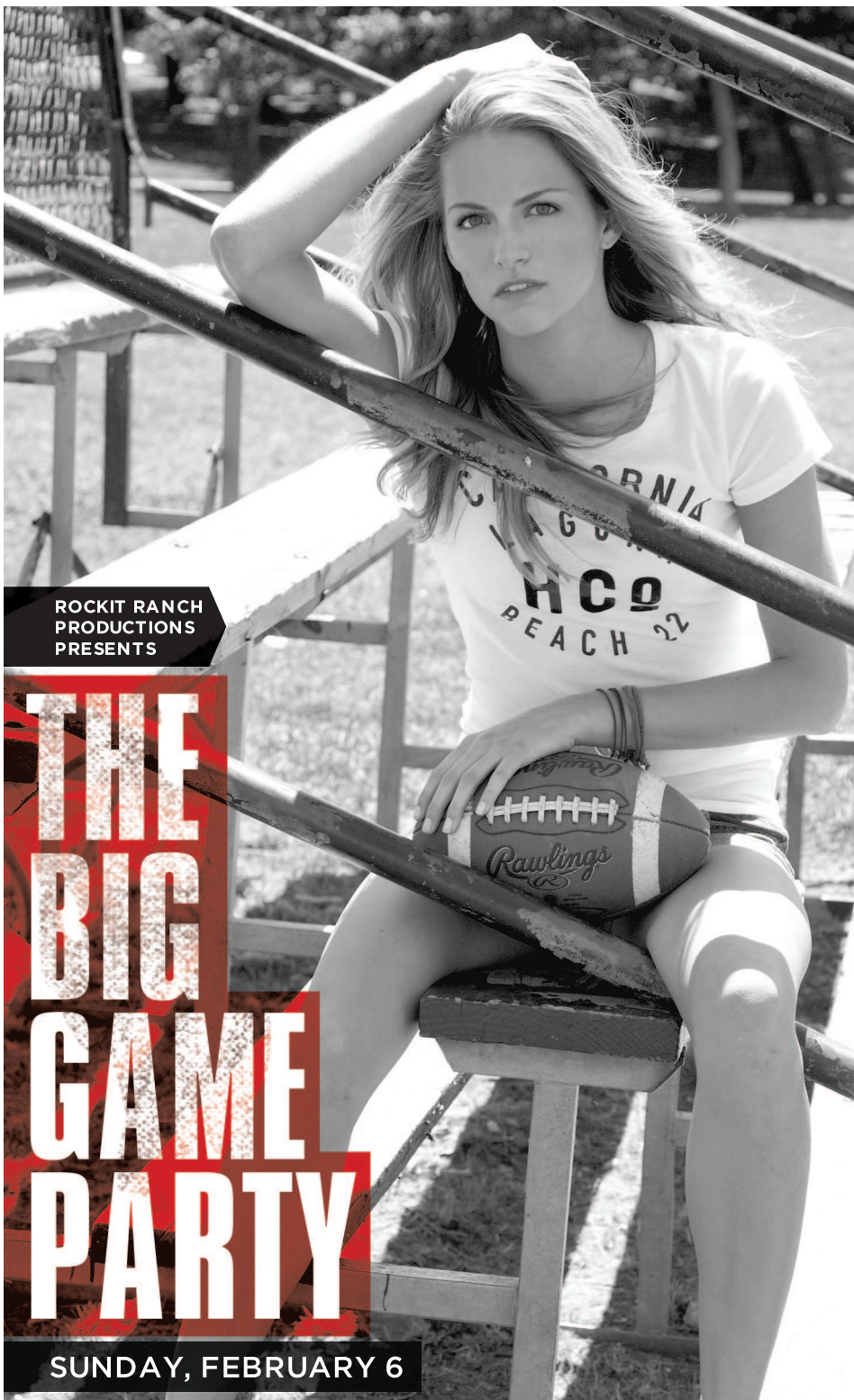
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Ricky Martin, Tuesday, April 19 (\$40.50-\$126.50, all ages) at Allstate Arena.

ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

Astronautalis, Sunday, March 27 (\$10-\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

The Black Angels, Suuns, Monday, April 18 (\$20, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

Crocodiles, The Fresh and Onlys, Young Prisms, Wednesday, April 20 (\$12, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

Ellie Goulding, The Knocks, Wednesday, March 30 (\$15, all ages) at Lincoln Hall.

Kina Granis, Saturday, April 2 (\$12-\$15, all ages) at Lincoln Hall.

Wanda Jackson, Tuesday, March 22 (\$20-\$25, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

Jamaica, Thursday, April 21 (\$12, 18+) at Schubas.

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Ron Pope, Ari Herstand, Zack Berkman, Wednesday, April 13 (\$12-\$15, 18+) at Schubas.

Joe Purdy, Wednesday, May 18 (\$15-\$18, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

The Raveonettes, Tamaryn, Wednesday, April 6 (\$18, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

The Submarines, Nik Freitas, Wednesday, April 20 (\$12-\$14, 21+) at Schubas.

Tobacco, Beans, Shapers, Friday, April 15 (\$14, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

Blackfield, Friday, May 27 (\$25, all ages) at Park West.

Stone Sour, Theory of a Deadman, Skillet, Halestorm, Art of Dying, Thursday, March 24 (\$30-\$40, all ages) at Aragon.

ON SALE 11 A.M. SATURDAY

Bebe and Cece Winans, Mary Mary,

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Willie Nelson, Friday, March 18 (\$45-\$70, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

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Elvis Costello and the Imposters, Sunday, May 15 (\$43-\$78, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

The Fleshtones, Wednesday, April 6 (\$12, 21+) at Double Door.

Holy Ghost!, Mister Joshua, Zebo, Friday, April 8 (\$7-\$13, 21+) at Smart Bar.

Honky, Karma To Burn, Monday, April 4 (\$8, 21+) at Double Door.

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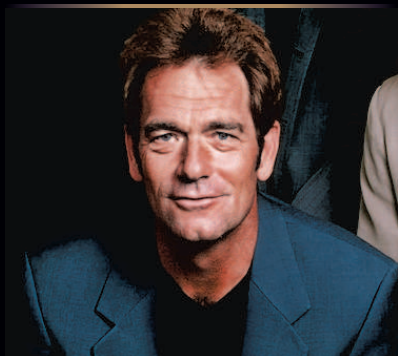
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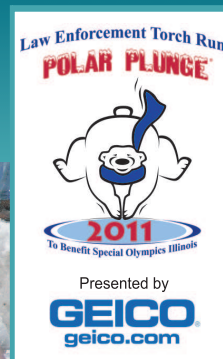


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A few funny Valentines

Love-themed comedy shows for the hopelessly romantic—and the just plain hopeless

By Julia Borcherts

Whether Valentine's Day conjures thoughts of hearts and flowers or "massacre," a little laughter can make the occasion memorable. For some straight-from-the-heart fun, head to these Cupid-themed comedy shows—for lovebirds, the lovelorn and everyone in between.

SINGLES

'Octavarius: A Titanic of a Heartbreak'

ComedySportz Theatre, 929 W. Belmont Ave. Post your profile on Octavarius' dating community site and get a \$7 ticket to the show, which features love-themed sketches and improv, an auction for a romantic dinner-cruise date with the ensemble member of your choice and a post-show mixer with icebreaker games. "The show and after-party are safe, low-pressure places to meet up," co-host and performer Nick Mikula says. "The rest is up to Cupid." 7 p.m. Feb. 13. \$7-\$10: octavarius.com

'Corn Gives You VD ... Again and Again and Again!'

The Cornservatory, 4210 N. Lincoln Ave. Had it with Hallmark? Head to Corn Productions' fourth annual anti-Valentine cocktail, dessert and comedy party. "We have a sketch where Cupid

goes on a murder spree; we mock diamond commercials and the inane tradition of buying them," director and co-writer Richard Anderson says. "And we guarantee there will be plenty of scenes about sex, sex gone wrong and the absence of sex." 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14. \$25. Advance purchase required: cornservatory.org

COUPLES

'An Unscripted Romance'

The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway Local actors Derrick Aguis and Lindsey Finn—friends since college but not a couple—create and perform a two-act, fictional love story based on details from audience members' real-life relationships—"the funny, sweet, but also the darker, less enjoyable parts," Finn says. 8 p.m. Feb. 13. \$10: theannoyance.com

'The Wedding'

TUTA Theatre Chicago at the Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St.

This classic comedy about potential marriage disasters by Bertolt Brecht ("The Threepenny Opera") will leave you feeling great about your own relationship. And don't worry that too much time at a play might kill post-show romance. "Gentlemen, it is only an hour and 8 minutes," says Trey Maclin, who portrays the groom. "That's 56 minutes shorter than 'The Notebook' and just as likely to get you some action."

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'Cupid Has a Heart On: A Musical Guide to Relationships'

Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave. This long-running musical satire of love (in residence at iO since 2003) steps out for a one-night stand at Stage 773. "All of Cupid's songs and sketches focus on the stupid things we do when we're single—and the stupid things we do when we're in relationships," director Brian Posen says. Still, everyone gets lucky—admission includes a Valentine's-themed swag bag. 8:30 p.m. Feb. 14. \$25: stage773.com

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A FUNNY THING ABOUT LOVE ...

What's the key to a successful, happy relationship? We have no idea, so we asked a couple of local performers—Lindsey Finn & Derrick Aguis, of The Annoyance's "An Unscripted Romance"—to offer their musings:

His

If the person you're dating utters the phrase, "I'm not crazy," they most definitely are.

Steer clear of 28-year-olds. On your first date with her, she's thinking, "If we start dating officially today, we can date for a year, then be engaged for a year, and I'll still be married by 30. Ha! I will not be the last girl in my sorority to land a man!"

If you have a pickup line, it doesn't work. Ever. Stop trying to use it. Seriously—you're embarrassing yourself.

Hers

Never go to sleep angry. But never stay awake for more than 72 hours.

I personally adhere to the old adage, "A drunk wife is a happy wife." My grandmother used to say that. When she was drunk. When your partner is telling you about their day, try to fight the urge to loudly yawn and ask what's for dinner. They hate that.



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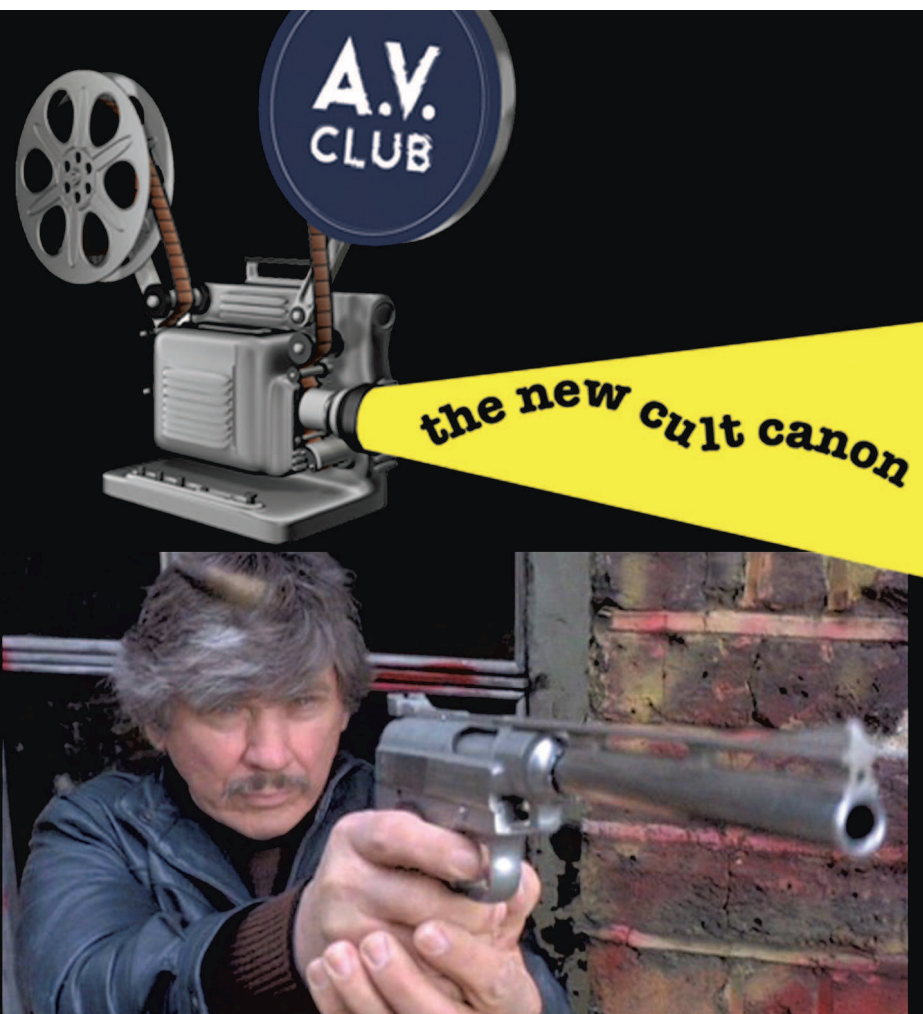
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- 22 Be plentiful
- 24 Three feet
- 25 Cuts thin slices of meat or fish
- 26 Catastrophe
- 29 Was sick and feverish
- 30 In a lined up
- 31 Piece of dining room furniture
- 33 Bargains
- 37 Pitcher
- 39 Gallant
- 41 "Phooey!"
- 42 Artist's stand
- 44 Elbow
- 46 Defunct airline
- 47 Place for an open discussion
- 49 Shiny and clear, as a lake's surface
- 51 Speaks against
- 54 Wild hog
- 55 Rough and granular
- 56 Firearm repairer
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- 61 Swamp critter
- 63 Forbidden
- 64 up; spends
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- 25 Actress Sally
- 26 Liberate
- 27 Des Moines, _
- 28 Fills with amazement
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All grown up

Let's separate the Oscar contenders from the Fred Savages among our fave teen actors

By Matt Pals | METROMIX

Now that Michelle Williams has been nominated for two Oscars ("Brokeback Mountain," "Blue Valentine"), we must accept that the former "Dawson's Creek" heart-breaker has blossomed into a legitimate actress. Does this mean that the once-beloved, now-only-\$3-per-season-at-Target teen soap opera was a great starting point for future awards contenders? Let's review, and check in on some other old faves while we're at it.



'Dawson's Creek'

(both nods to Williams)



Katie Holmes, so good in "The Ice Storm" before "Dawson's Creek," has been terrible in everything since. Prediction: Joshua Jackson scores a nomination in 2020 as new head coach Charlie Conway in "The Mighty Ducks 4: Crushed Ice."



'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'

(both nods to Will Smith)



Will Smith's best actor nominations for "Ali" and "The Pursuit of Happyness" suggest he might have a win coming his way if he keeps taking serious roles. Sadly, Tatyana Ali (Ashley Banks) was recognized neither for her starring role in the comedy "Nora's Hair Salon" nor its sequel, "Nora's Hair Salon 2: A Cut Above." (We didn't know those existed either.)



'Saved by the Bell'

(zero Oscar nods)



Before she starred in "Showgirls," someone apparently told Elizabeth Berkeley that they give Oscars for most over-the-top pool sex scene. (They don't.) Perhaps Lark Voorhies (Lisa Turtle) thought Academy voters would reward her for providing useful information in "How to Be a Player."



'Full House'

(zero Oscar nods)



John Stamos really deserved some kind of honorary recognition for supporting himself after his ex-wife, Rebecca Romijn, married Jerry O'Connell. The dude was in "Kangaroo Jack."



'Buffy the Vampire Slayer'

(zero Oscar nods)



Uh, Sarah Michelle Gellar's best film probably is "I Know What You Did Last Summer," and marrying Freddie Prinze Jr. is a good way of saying, "Critical acclaim isn't important to me."

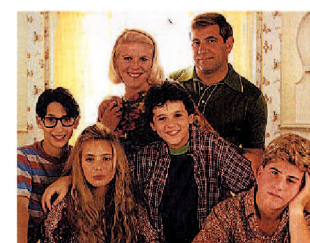


'Freaks and Geeks'

(One nod to Franco)



Congrats to James Franco ("127 Hours"), whose nomination this year puts the terrific high school series on the board. Could Jason Segel and Seth Rogen have writing nominations coming their way, with a supporting actor nod for Martin Starr?



'The Wonder Years'

(zero Oscar nods)



Only thing worth mentioning: Fred Savage was totally snubbed for a Razzie for directing "Daddy Day Camp."



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Kardashian vs. W

Kim Kardashian's silver nipples are art, W Magazine said Tuesday in a statement to New York magazine. On her show that aired Sunday, Kardashian said she felt misled about how naked she would be in W's art issue in November, in which she appeared fully nude in silver body paint. "Kim Kardashian's cover was conceived as an artistic collaboration with well-known artist Barbara Kruger, and was a meditation on the influence that reality TV has on contemporary culture," a W spokesperson said.



Take that, Perez

No doubt some mocked (and drawn-on celebs) are cheering Rihanna's latest video, "S&M." In this kinky ode to sexual fetishes, Rihanna is depicted as leading Perez Hilton (above) around by a leash. The gossip king's mouth is stuffed with a "Pulp Fiction"-esque rubber ball gag. Don't give us any ideas, RiRi.



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Fiasco rips Obama

Lupe Fiasco (right) is not a fan of President Obama. "Limbaugh is a racist, Glenn Beck is a racist / Gaza Strip was getting burned, Obama didn't say [bleep] / That's why I ain't vote for him, next one either," the Chicago MC raps on his new single, "Words I Never Said," according to the Chicago Tribune. Fiasco's album "Lasers" is due out March 8.

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